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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
 Application No. 09/475,158; Filed: December 30, 1999  
 For: **PTH Functional Domain Conjugate Peptides, Derivatives Thereof and Novel Tethered Ligand-Receptor Molecules**  
 Inventors: GARDELLA *et al.*  
 Our Ref: 0609.4780001/LBB/M-G

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **October 2, 2003** (PTO File Wrapper Paper No. 22),  
Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the  
following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting  
replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

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